

## LONE BANDIT HOLDS UP TRAIN

DARING ROBBERY EARLY TODAY  
ON THE PENNSYLVANIA  
RAILROAD

MAKES VALUABLE HAUL

SECURES \$1,000 IN GOLD, BUT IS  
FORCED TO LEAVE \$20,000 IN  
BULLION

DYNAMITE ON THE TRACK

HAD ENGINEER FAILED TO STOP  
HE WOULD HAVE BEEN  
BLOWN UP

Lewistown, Pa., Aug. 31.—Single-handed, a daring robber stopped the westbound Pittsburg and Northern Express on the Pennsylvania railroad at Lewistown Narrows, eight miles east of here at 2 o'clock this morning, robbed the express car of \$1,000 in gold and escaped to the mountains. The robber was forced to leave \$20,000 in bullion on the mountain side, where the fireman of the engine pulling the train, had been forced to carry it, passengers having appeared armed and ready to give battle to the hold-up.

The train consisted of two engines, three express cars and two sleepers. A signal cap placed on the track brought the train to a stop. Engineers John Long and Balzer Deaman as they alighted from their cabs, were confronted by a masked man with two revolvers, who ordered "hands up."

Conductor I. R. Pofenbarger came up and taking in the situation at a glance, started on a run for the rear of the train. The robber fired five shots at him, one taking effect in his right hand. He then ordered the express car opened, threatening to blow it up with dynamite if the command was not obeyed. The car was opened and at the direction of the robber the money bags were carried to the side of the tracks.

An investigation disclosed six sticks of dynamite between the tracks at a point where the cap exploded. This is accepted as evidence that it was the intention of the robber to blow up the train.

Safe Held \$25,000

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 31.—Reports to the Pennsylvania railroad in this city say that the express safe in the car held up near Lewistown contained \$25,000 in money and bullion. Realizing the need of assistance in getting away with the money, the rob-

ber coolly called to the fireman of the train for help, and still wearing his mask, gathered up some of the bags of money and, with the fireman in the lead, also carrying bags of coin, started up the mountain side. At a point about 300 yards up the incline the two men laid down their burden and the fireman was ordered back to his train.

It looked as though one of the most daring robberies ever attempted in the east had been successfully accomplished, as the hold-up apparently had everything his own way. At this juncture, however, two or three passengers aroused by the unusual stop, appeared on the scene and their presence encouraged the trainmen to offer resistance. The robber opened fire but the only damage he inflicted was to send a bullet through the right hand of Conductor Isaac R. Pofenbarger, one of the oldest and best known men in the service of the company. The highwayman then grabbed what money he could carry and fled up the mountainside, leaving practically all his booty where the fireman had deposited it for him. Some of the bags contained \$100 in pennies and it was at first thought that perhaps the robber had one of these.

As soon as the officials were informed of the robbery the company's detective force was put to work. It is being assisted by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad detective force, which went to the scene with a pack of bloodhounds.

Bandit Dynamited Safe

Pittsburg, Aug. 31.—The train which was held up near Lewistown early this morning, arrived at the Union station here at 9:20 a. m. Messenger Harper made a report to the local officials of the Adams Express company, and with a number of detectives started for the scene of the holdup. From reports received here the robber made three of the crew stand in a corner of the express car while he blew open the safe. It is reported that he made the messenger and guard in charge of one of the express cars, go with him to the car robbed. It is reported that when the dynamite the robber placed on the track to stop the train exploded, the headlight glass and windows of the engine cab were broken. One rail was torn up also.

## 2,000 DEAD; 20,000 DESTITUTE IN MONTEREY

Monterey, Mexico, Aug. 31.—With eight hundred bodies recovered and buried in Monterey up to last night, two thousand is now the estimate of the city authorities of those who lost their lives throughout the valley of the Santa Catalina in Saturday's disastrous flood. The number of homeless and destitute is placed at between 15,000 and 20,000.

The national bank officials estimate the loss in the business center at \$5,000,000. The loss to the big smelter and industrial plants outside the city limits will amount to as much. The value of the eighteen blocks of buildings, mostly of poor construction,

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## NEGROES FRIGHTEN WOMEN; MAN FOLLOWS TWO GIRLS

Several outrages which occurred during the early part of last evening in East Las Vegas should cause the police to awaken from their slumbers and get busy, else the Carling case may be re-enacted in all its horror.

About 8:30 last evening while two young women were walking along Lincoln avenue, near the corner of the La Pension hotel, four negroes standing on the corner made a move as if to intercept their passage. Badly frightened the young women hesitated, then realizing it would be the worst thing they could do to stop, summoned all their courage and passed the negroes, who separated, two on either side of the walk. Just as the girls passed, the negroes, in an attempt to frighten them, stamped their feet as if they were giving chase. One of the young women almost collapsed with fear, but finally managed to reach her destination with the assistance of her companion.

Later in the evening, between 9 and 10 o'clock, two girls, while walking along Washington avenue near the residence of D. T. Hoskins, noticed that a man was following them. They waited and allowed him to pass, thinking perhaps they were unduly frightened, but when he walked so slow that they had to pass him again, they became alarmed. The girls turned up Seventh street, and still the man followed. Finally the girls sought refuge in the home of Dr. Griest nearby. When the man saw they had gone into that house, presumably to summon assistance, he fled and made his getaway before anyone could overtake him.

In addition to these two outrages, there were two attempted burglaries last night, accounts of which appear elsewhere. It would seem that unless the police are more vigilant, that it will be up to the citizens to look after their own protection and the protection of their wives and daughters.

## SEVENPERISH IN SCHOOL FIRE

HELPLESS CHILDREN SUFFOCATED WHEN ORPHAN'S HOME BURNS

BODIES FOUND IN RUINS

AT FIRST BELIEVED ALL OF 750  
INMATES OF INSTITUTION  
HAD ESCAPED

SISTERS PREVENT PANIC

LITTLE TOTS MARCH OUT OF  
BURNING DORMITORY WHEN  
ALARM IS SOUNDED

New York, Aug. 31.—That seven little children, inmates of the St. Malachias home for orphan children at Rockaway Park, L. I., were suffocated in a fire which destroyed a portion of the home last night, was discovered by firemen today, while digging in the ruins.

There were 750 children in the institution, which was conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brooklyn. Most of them marched out of the building in good order when the fire alarm was sounded and it is supposed all had escaped.

Nearly all the dead were under five years old. A portion of the dormitory where they slept was directly over the laundry where the fire originated.

Children Were Asleep

The fire was discovered at 8 o'clock last night. Three hundred and fifty small children were asleep in their cots on the third and fourth floors of the north wing and some of the older children were attending evening prayers in the chapel. As the alarm sounded, the older children marched to the board walk along the beach and the nurses and attendants began carrying the little children from the upper floors.

The firemen found a few children lying in the halls too frightened to leave the building but the rescue work was conducted with such despatch that good order prevailed. It was believed until today that all had been gotten out of the building.

A large Hebrew home nearby with a large number of inmates was saved from destruction and all the occupants escaped.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE  
SHOCK FELT AT ROME

Rome, Aug. 31.—Rome was visited by an earthquake this afternoon. The damage done was slight and no casualties have been reported. The only damage reported is the cracking of the facade of the chapel of St. Anna. There was a panic among the inmates of the city hospitals and prisons until assurance was given that there was no danger.

Recorded at Washington

Washington, Aug. 31.—Again today the seismograph at the United States weather bureau recorded earth shocks. The vibrations, which were only slight, began shortly after six this morning and continued for almost half an hour.

SEVEN ARRESTED FOR  
VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

As a result of the sudden determination of the city officials to enforce what was once known as a "hitching ordinance" F. E. Corbett, Harold Richmond, Amado Sena, W. S. Parsons, Pete Nilsson, and delivery boys of J. H. Stearns and J. H. York were brought before Justice of the Peace Murray today charged with violating this ordinance. But for the short notification that the people have had regarding the sudden enforcing of the ordinance, Judge Murray would have handed them a bunch, but in all cases he suspended the fine letting the defendants go by paying the costs.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE MADE

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CAT-  
TLE SANITARY BOARD TO  
ALBUQUERQUE

A REGRETTABLE MOVE

AS A RESULT LAS VEGAS LOSES  
VALUABLE CITIZEN IN CAPT.  
E. G. AUSTEN

EXPERT IN HIS LINE

HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN STOCK  
RAISING FOR MANY YEARS—  
POPULAR OFFICIAL

After having had headquarters in Las Vegas since 1884, the date of its organization, the offices of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary board will this week be moved to Albuquerque. This change was decided upon several months ago by the board for various reasons. Besides losing the headquarters of this important board, Las Vegas also loses several valuable citizens as a result of the move.

Capt. E. Godwin Austen, secretary of the board, has been busy the past week, with his office force, packing up the books and records of the office, preparatory to leaving for his new headquarters. This afternoon Capt. Austen departed for Albuquerque to look into the new office quarters, which will be in the Korber building in the Duke city.

A Pioneer Stockman

It is with keen regret that the people of Las Vegas see Capt. Austen and his estimable wife leave this city. While a native of England, Capt. Austen has made his home in this country for many years, coming to New Mexico from the Panhandle of Texas in 1882, in company with James Campbell, and purchasing what is known as the Phoenix ranch at Watrous. Capt. Austen later sold his interest in this ranch and went to the Cherry valley country, above Shoshone, where he bought another ranch and started in the cattle business on an extensive scale, which he pursued for many years.

Disposing of his property in the Cherry valley, Capt. Austen came to Las Vegas, and since that time he has made his home in this city. A man of pleasing personality, he is well liked in business and social circles, and is especially popular among the cattlemen throughout New Mexico. There is not a stockman in the territory who does not know "Cap." Austen.

Former President of Board

Previous to becoming secretary of the Cattle Sanitary board he was president of the board, resigning the higher position to take up the laborious duties of the secretaryship upon the resignation of Will C. Barnes, the former secretary, about two years ago. During the six years he has been a member and active official of this important board, Capt. Austen has made a splendid record and has by his intimate knowledge of cattle and horses proved himself a valuable man to the stockmen of the territory.

Only recently Capt. Austen disposed of a large ranch he had owned for many years in Texas, but he still holds many cattle and horses in the Lone Star state.

Splendid Office Force

Miss Blanche Rothgeb, who has for many years been in the employ of the Cattle Sanitary board as a valuable assistant to the secretary, and who is one of the Meadow City's most popular and highly esteemed young ladies, will leave for Albuquerque on Thursday to continue her duties in the employ of the board. Miss Rothgeb has always been a favorite in social circles in Las Vegas and on many occasions has aided materially in many ways towards the success of local entertainments, being the possessor of a very charming voice. She is a Las Vegas girl, and

while her departure will be regretted by many, it is hoped that the change will open a wider field for one who has proved such an industrious worker.

A Tireless Church Worker

Miss Corna Duncan, another employee of the board, will also go to Albuquerque to continue her duties with the board. Miss Duncan, while devoting most of her time to church work, is also well and favorably known socially. She was for some time president of the Queen Esther Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which church she is a member, and in fact has always been a leader in church circles and church work, the hardest and most successful of which has been as a teacher in Sunday school of the "Anti Cante" class of boys, with which she has made wonderful progress. Miss Duncan was also for a time reporter of Epworth League notes for The Optic, in which capacity she did a great deal of good. Of late she has been connected with the work of the social department of the Epworth League.

"ODORLESS" DRUNKS KEEP  
NASHVILLE POLICE BUSY

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 31.—For two months the local police have been combatting "odorless drunks," that is, men carried to the police station every day drunk with something that leaves no odor on the breath. When questioned about what they have been drinking they almost invariably say "Beerette," but beerette is not considered intoxicating. The "odorless" drunks are usually without bottles in their pockets. There were forty-one of these drunks in police court yesterday.

FOREST APPOINTMENTS IN  
SOUTHWEST ANNOUNCED

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 31.—The forest service has just recommended the following appointments on national forests in this district:

Esther D. Frey, forest clerk on the Gila; Charles A. Palmer, forest clerk on the Coconino; Annie C. Jones, forest clerk on the Prescott; Alice McMillan, temporary clerk in the district office, and Verne Rhoades, forest guard on the Alamo national forest.

## TAFT WILL CROSS OVER INTO MEXICO

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 31.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger will make a hurried trip here to see President Taft as soon as he can dispose of some important matters in Washington.

Mr. Ballinger has notified the president by telegraph that he is on his way to Washington from Seattle and would endeavor to be in Beverly within ten days. President Taft said there was no particular matter he desired to take up with Mr. Ballinger. It is understood, however, that he has called on the secretary of the interior for certain reports regarding transac-

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## PROHIBITORY RATE MAY QUEER TAFT EXCURSION

A prohibitory rate by the Santa Fe railway may queer that proposed statehood excursion from Las Vegas and intermediate points to Albuquerque on the occasion of President Taft's visit to that city on October 15. Instead of a low excursion rate of \$2 for the round trip on that occasion, as was confidently expected, the Santa Fe has announced, through J. M. Connell, its general passenger agent at Topeka, Kan., that the best this road will do on that date will be one fare for the round trip, or \$5.30. In other words, the Santa Fe does not propose to run an excursion from Las Vegas, Raton and Santa Fe on the date mentioned.

Following the announcement made by The Optic a week ago that a low rate excursion would be run from this city to Albuquerque on Taft day, every town in northeastern New Mexico, including Santa Fe, the capital, had taken steps to get up a monster crowd to make the trip, and indications were that the combined delega-

## NORTH COAST LIMITED WRECKED

NORTHERN PACIFIC ENGINEER  
WITH RECORD OF 50 YEARS'  
SERVICE KILLED

SIX OTHERS BADLY HURT

SPEEDING FLYER DASHES INTO  
WORK TRAIN WHILE ROUND-  
ING CURVE

CARS INTO DEEP SWAMP

BAGGAGE AND MAIL CARS SUB-  
MERGED IN 9 FEET OF WA-  
TER BESIDE TRACK

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 31.—Engineer W. D. White, with a record of fifty years' service as an employee of the Northern Pacific railway, was instantly killed and ten or more persons injured, six seriously, when the east-bound North Coast limited on the Northern Pacific ran into a work train while rounding a curve half a mile east of Detroit, Minn., last night.

The limited was two hours late and running fifty miles an hour when it struck the work train. The baggage and mail cars turned turtle and landed in a swamp of water nine feet deep. None of the passengers were seriously hurt. Three mail clerks are believed to have sustained fatal injuries.

A misunderstanding of orders on the part of the crew of the work train is said to have been responsible for the wreck.

INFANT CHILD DIES  
AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Eugene, the seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Marx, passed away last evening about 6 o'clock at the Marx home on the West side after an illness of only four days, summer complaint being the cause of the child's death. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from the church of Our Lady of Sorrows on the West side, interment being made in the Mount Calvary cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marx have been residing in Las Vegas only a few months coming here from Milwaukee, Wis., but in that time have made many friends who feel keenly the sadness that has fallen over the Marx home. Mr. Marx is in the employ of the Santa Fe Railway company in the capacity of fireman.

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